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Applicant ROCKWELL AUTOMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.		

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. II	Priority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. III	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

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3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>4,6,7,9-13,15,16,20 and 21</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-3, 5, 8, 14, 17-19</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-21</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-21</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

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V. 2. Citations and Explanations:

Claims 1-3, 5, 8, 14, and 17-19 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by LICHT.

Regarding claim 1, LICHT discloses a primary wireless device and the associated industrial controller (paragraph 18, (15)), the secondary wireless device connected by a wireless backplane link (paragraph 19), where at least one input/output module where an associated field device is adapted to communicate with the controller (e.g., paragraph 20, (22)).

Regarding claim 2, LICHT also discloses the plurality of secondary wireless devices with input/output modules, each secondary wireless device connected by a plurality of primary wireless backplane links (e.g., paragraph 20, (22, 27, 31)).

Regarding claim 3, LICHT also discloses the secondary wireless devices are uniquely identified (e.g., paragraph 19, "similarly equipped with the RFID chip set").

Regarding claim 5, LICHT also discloses selecting the configuration device (e.g., paragraph 18, "may also be a part of the schematic")

Regarding claim 8, LICHT discloses the "some of said plurality ... in different environments" (e.g., paragraph 12, "remote location").

Regarding claim 14, LICHT also discloses the backplane comprises a radio frequency (e.g., paragraph 4).

Regarding claims 17 and 18, LICHT also discloses the secondary wireless devices comprise a backplane and the module is physically connected (e.g., Figure 3 (22); paragraph 20).

Regarding claim 19, LICHT also discloses the network adapter and primary wireless device (e.g., paragraph 20 (31)) remote from the controller (e.g., paragraph 17; paragraph 20, "PLC").

Claims 4, 6-7, 13, and 15 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over LICHT in view of DEFOSSE.

Regarding claim 4, LICHT does not expressly mention the particular nature of the communication; however DEFOSSE discloses the communication of time-sensitive (e.g., paragraph 24, "vending events") and time-insensitive (e.g., paragraph 24, "equipment parameters") data to the primary wireless device. It would have been well known to use DEFOSSE with LICHT because DEFOSSE teaches the advantages of using both forms of data for the purposes of control in a system such as LICHT.

Regarding claim 6, LICHT does not expressly teach the use of redundant paths; however, DEFOSSE does disclose redundant wireless

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Claim 21 lacks an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over LICHT in view of KEYES.

Regarding claim 21, LICHT does not expressly mention a peer-to-peer form of communication; however this would have been well known to use, as disclosed in KEYES, who discloses the particular form of master-servant communication (e.g., paragraph 63). It would have been well-known to use KEYES with LICHT because KEYES discloses a particular form of communication useful in industrial controllers such as LICHT.

Claims 1-21 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4) and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.